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GRA Contact with DD/P During an Emergency Situation

1. This is a recapitulation of GRA understanding concerning the procedure for, and nature of, our anticipated contacts with DD/P during an emergency.

2. We feel the nature of our relationships with relocated DD/P Headquarters elements, during an emergency, will follow substantially the same patters as at present. We foresee placement of requirements on us by DD/P for cartographic, map reference, and geographic research support. In other words, we anticipate that most of our contacts with DD/P will probably be initiated by them rather than by ourselves. On the other hand, if there is need for GRA personnel to initiate contacts with elements of DD/P, this can be readily accomplished through recognized liaison channels. The actual communicating can be done by telephone or personal visits because of the proximity of the DD/I and DD/P relocation sites.

3. In overseas theaters of operations, GRA team relationships with DD/P elements would be controlled by and through the CIA component commander. Essentially, the elements would be working on the same theater team, we being there in the first instance to support the operational needs of DD/P members of the team as they developed. It seems that no official operating procedure need be developed other than that negotiated between the DD/I, the DD/P, and the theater component commander relative to the role of the DD/I in the theater of operations.

4. I cannot see any very useful purpose being served by direct negotiation with component chiefs in the DD/P concerning the role of GRA in supporting their wartime needs at this time. Providing we have established sufficient material facilities to meet operational requirements, I feel that adequate arrangements concerning the role of GRA vis-a-vis DD/P in an emergency situation would consist of our being ready with capable people to support them, and by their knowing how to get in touch with us to place requirements, both domestically and overseas.

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